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Urban District Council



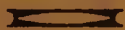
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Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council

To the Chairman and Members of the Poulton-le-Fylde
Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Third Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

At the direction of the Ministry of Health the report is purely of an interim nature owing to the war, and has been reduced to the barest essentials.

I have to express my thanks to the members of the Council for their support and co-operation, and for the assistance which I have constantly received from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. W. G. Woolley.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. FAY, M.D., D.P.H.

Medical officer of Health.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The area of the district is 2,410 acres, it is divided into five wards, viz.: Poulton North, Poulton East, Poulton West, Hardhorn and Carleton. It is bounded on the North side by the Urban District of Thornton-Cleveleys, on the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton, and on the West by the County Borough of Blackpool.

The district is mainly residential, and most of the industrial population is employed by agriculture, the Imperial Chemical Industries, the L. M. & S. Railway Company and the Building Trades.

The area is supplied with good and wholesome water by the Fylde Water Board. The whole of the area is sewered on the combined system; and is carried by gravitation to storage tanks situate on Skippool Marsh, and discharged into the River Wyre Estuary on the ebb tide.

Births.

Births :—Boys 56 ; Girls 38 ; Total 94.

The number of births registered in the district was 94, giving a birth rate of 13.3 per thousand of the population as against 12.3 per thousand for the previous year.

There were eight illegitimate births, and two still births registered, giving a rate of 20 per 1,000 (live and still) births.

Infantile Mortality.

Four deaths under one year have been recorded during the year—giving a rate of 42 per thousand live births as against 85 for the previous year.

The rate for England and Wales during the year was 49.

Deaths.

Males . 42 Females . 47 Total 89.

The number of deaths in the district was 89 after deducting deaths of persons not resident in the district, and adding deaths of residents which occurred in other districts.

Causes of Death.

	Males	Females	Total
All Causes.....	42	47	89
Influenza.....	2	1	3
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	1	1	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	—	—	—
Cancer.....	5	9	14
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	9	8	17
Heart Disease.....	11	12	23
Other Circulatory Diseases.....	1	—	1
Bronchitis.....	5	2	7
Pneumonia.....	1	2	3
Maternal Causes	—	1	1
Digestive Diseases other than appendicitis.....	—	1	1
Nephritis.....	—	1	1
Congenital Debility, Premature Births, etc.....	1	1	2
Road Traffic Accidents.....	—	0	—
Other Violence.....	1	2	3
All Other Causes.....	4	5	9
Diarrhoea under two years.....	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.....	—	1	1
	—	—	—
	42	47	89

This gives a crude death rate of 12.6 per thousand, compared with 12.2 in the previous year.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during the year was nine, seven of which were respiratory and two non-respiratory. Two deaths from Tuberculosis were recorded, both Respiratory.

The notification of tuberculosis is satisfactory.

Table showing New Cases and Mortality during 1942 :—

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1-5.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10.....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10-15.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20.....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-25.....	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
25-35.....	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35-45.....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-55.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 55.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	4	3	1	1	1	1	—	—

Cancer (Malignant Disease).

There were fourteen deaths from Cancer during the year, giving a rate of 1.98 per thousand as against 2.19 for the previous year.

Diphtheria.

Under the Diphtheria Anti-Toxin (outside London) Order of 1910, serum is supplied free for the use of the inhabitants of the District. A stock is held by the Medical Officer of Health.

Scarlet Fever.

During the year nineteen cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified. No inoculation has been effected with regard to Scarlet Fever. The incidence of the cases was sporadic.

Influenza.

With the exception of sporadic cases of Influenza, the district has been comparatively free during the year.

Infectious Diseases.

160 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year.

Table of Cases of Notifiable Diseases during 1942.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total cases of all ages.	AGE PERIODS — YEARS											Total Deaths	HOSPITAL		
		Under 1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—		65 & Over		
			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	19	—	2	2	—	—	9	4	2	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Diphtheria (incl. Membranose Croup)	33	1	2	—	—	—	9	6	6	4	2	2	1	19	—	—
Enteric Fever (incl. Paratyphoid) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	9	2	2	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (excl. German Measles) ...	83	1	3	14	7	7	49	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute pneumonia (primary & Influenza)	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	15	4	—	1	—	1	5	2	—	2	—	—	—	13	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Polio-encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Any other diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	160	8	9	17	7	9	77	14	8	6	2	2	1	48	1	—

Measles.

In the first half of the year, there was an outbreak of measles, the total number of cases notified being 83. None of the cases proved fatal.

Bacteriological Examination.

Facilities for the examination of material for suspected cases of Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, etc., are available for all medical practitioners. Seven swabs were sent for examination for Diphtheria.

Nursing.

There is a District Nursing Association and one District Nurse is employed. Her services are available for any of the inhabitants of the town for sickness other than infectious diseases and midwifery. The Association is financed by voluntary contributions

Midwives.

There is one registered midwife in the district.

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

There are no clinic or treatment centres under the direct control of the local authority.

The Child Welfare Centre, which is held every Tuesday from 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m. in the Church Hall, Vicarage Road, is under the control of the County Authority. The local Education Authority also provides a School Clinic in the same premises each Monday afternoon and Friday morning.

A campaign against Venereal Disease is carried out by the County Council in co-operation with the local authority. The centres for the treatment of these cases are at Victoria Hospital Blackpool, and the Royal Infirmary, Preston.

Hospitals.

The local authority contributes to the Manchester Hospitals and Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, for cases for general sickness and accidents. For infectious diseases, contributions are made towards the maintenance of the Fylde Joint Hospital at Moss Side, Lytham, which contains 64 beds. For smallpox cases, provision is made at the Elswick Leys Hospital of the Fylde, Preston and Garstang Joint Hospital Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority. 30 Beds are provided and further accommodation is available at the Elswick Sanatorium in case of epidemic.

Ambulance Facilities.

A motor ambulance is obtainable from the Police Authorities at Blackpool for non-infectious cases. For infectious cases the Fylde Joint Hospital and the Fylde, Preston and Garstang Hospital Board, provide motor ambulances.

There is also one private ambulance available for non-infectious cases.

These facilities are adequate.

The Education (Administration Provisions) Act, 1907.

Under this Act, the Medical Officers of the County Authority make periodic examinations of children attending the schools.

A great advantage of the operation of Section III L.G.A. 1929, is that the School Medical Work in the Town is now carried out by the Council's Medical Officer of Health.

Water Supply.

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grizedale and Stocks.

Milk Supply.

There are 44 cowkeepers registered and 39 Dairymen or Milk Purveyors. During the year the Lancashire County Council have taken samples of milk from the cattle in the district.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

The sampling of food is carried out by the County Police Authorities.

Housing Conditions.

1. General Observations as to Housing conditions.

Housing conditions in the district are good. 90 per cent of the houses are modern and the older property in the centre of the town is kept in a fair state of repair by the owners.

2. Sufficiency of Supply of Houses.

(a) Extent of Shortage.

It is difficult to assess the permanence of the existing shortage which is largely due to war conditions.

(b) Information as to any important changes in population.

No important changes.

(c) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses.

None.

3. Overcrowding.

There is a certain amount of overcrowding in the area, but this is due to the district being a reception area and to other conditions directly arising from the war.

4. Fitness of Houses.

(a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Acts or under the Housing Acts: None.

(b) Special Measures taken e.g. in relation to carrying out programmes of repair: None.

(c) No. of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply: None.

(d) No. of houses which have no separate water closet or other adequate sanitary accommodation: None.

5. Unhealthy Areas: None.

6. Action taken during the year regarding:—

(1) Clearance Areas: None.

(2) Improvement Areas: None.

7. Byelaws relating to houses, etc.

Adequate.

Disinfection of Houses.

Disinfection has not been carried out in cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. Disinfectant fluid is issued to all cases on request.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Particulars of Action taken during 1942.

No. of Houses found to be infested.

(a) Council Houses.....None. (b) Other Houses.....2

No. of Houses disinfested.

(a) Council Houses.....None. (b) Other Houses.....2

Methods employed for freeing infested Houses from Bed bugs.

Both of the cases were minor infestations, and spraying with Solution "B" proved effective.

Methods of Ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from Vermin before removal to Council Houses.....None.

Is work of disinfection carried out by Local Authority or by a Contractor.....By a Contractor.

Measures taken by way of Supervision or Education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.....None.

Summary of Report.

The birth rate shows an increase on last year.

The crude death rate is higher than in 1941 and lower than the average for the past five years.

The mortality for Cancer shows a decrease ; and that of Tuberculosis is also lower.

The maternal mortality is 10.63 and the infant mortality is lower.

With the exception of the outbreak of measles and of sporadic cases of Influenza, Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, the area has remained healthy.

Vital Statistics, 1942.

		Total		Male		Female	
Births in 1942.....		94	56	38			
Deaths in 1942.....		89	42	47			
Still Births in 1942		2	1	1			

7,053 Population	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 of Population.			Maternal Mortality Rate		Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live Births
		Crude Death Rate	Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Per 1,000 live Births	Per 1,000 total still & live Births	
Mean of 5 years							
1937-41	12.2	13.8	0.47	1.97	5.00	4 76	49
1941	12.3	12.2	0.68	2.19	Nil	Nil	85
1942	13.3	12.6	0.28	1.98	10.63	10.41	42
Increase or decrease in 1942 on 5 years' average							
1937-41	+1.1	—1.2	—0.19	+0.01	+5.63	+5.65	—7
Previous year	+1.0	—0.4	—0.40	—0.21	+10.63	+10.41	—43

Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

on

The Sanitary Condition

of the

District for the Year Ended 31st December, 1942

To the Chairman and Members of the Poulton-le-Fylde
Urban District Council.

Sir and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my twelfth Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district and the work done during the year ended 31st December, 1942.

Area of District, 2,410 Acres ; Population, 7,053.

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1942 according to Rate Book : 2,079.

Particulars of Sanitary Accommodation.

Privy Closets.....	26
Pail Closets.....	37
Waste Water Closets.....	5
Fresh Water Closets.....	2,357
Dry Ashpits.....	17
Movable Ashbins.....	2,048

Conversions.

		During year 1942
No. of	{ to fresh water closets.....	0
privy closets	{ to waste water closets.....	0
	{ to pails, etc.....	0
No. of	{ to fresh water closets.....	0
pail closets	{ to waste water closets.....	0
Number of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles....		0

Sewerage.

Regular cleansing and rodding of the sewers have been carried out. The Disposal works consist of Ferro-Concrete tanks with a capacity of six times the dry weather flow of the district served by the sewers. Before the sewage enters these tanks it passes through a screening chamber. The outfall consists of a 27 inch diameter cast iron main fitted with the necessary valves and tidal flap and the sewage is discharged into the River Wyre Estuary on the ebb tide. These works have been satisfactorily maintained during the year and there have been no complaints.

Scavenging.

The scavenging of the district has been done regularly. The refuse is collected in a covered motor lorry and is conveyed away from the town to Skippool Marsh, where the resultant tip is under partial control.

Camping Sites.

(a) No of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1942.	Six
(b) No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.	One
(c) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1942.	500

Sanitary Inspections.

No. of premises visited, 146.

Defects or nuisances : No. discovered 34; No. abated 34.

No. of Notices served :—Informal 34 ; Statutory —.

Legal proceedings :— None.

Factories and Workshops.

Number on Register :—49. Conditions :—Satisfactory.

Bakehouses.

Number on Register :—8. Conditions :—Good.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is one common lodging house in the district, and the accommodation is for 32. It has been regularly inspected and has been kept in a very satisfactory condition.

I am,

Sir and Gentleman,

Your obedient Servant,

WILFRED G. WOOLLEY,

Cert. R. San. Inst.,

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector



